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**MYSTERY OF THE SEALED BOX**  
"THE SHADOW" — A 33-Page MYSTERY NOVEL  
*Also* • THE HOODED WASP in THE REALM OF GHOSTS



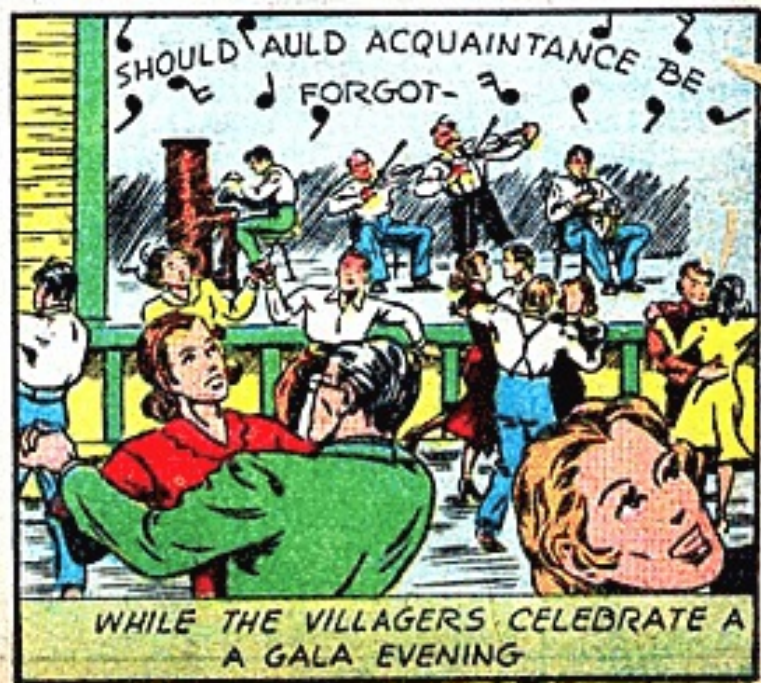
# the HOODED WASP



WHAT STRANGE MYSTERIES SURROUNDED THE OLD MANSION ON THE HILL, THAT CAUSED PEOPLE TO FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES? YOUNG **JIM MARTIN** AND THE **HOODED WASP** ENTER THE GREATEST BATTLE OF THEIR CAREER AS THEY ENTER THE REALM OF THE GHOSTS!



NOW FALLS OVER THE SMALL MOUNTAIN TOWN OF MARSHALL...



SHOULD'LD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT-

WHILE THE VILLAGERS CELEBRATE A GALA EVENING









WHILE NEARBY, TWO OTHER FIGURES STAND WATCHING OVER THE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE.



WHY DO YOU THINK WINSTON WANTED US TO FOLLOW HIM?

CAN'T TELL YET-BUT IF THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG IN THE MANSION, WE'LL FIND IT OUT.



A WEIRD FIGURE TRACES THE TWO ADVENTURERS THROUGH THE SNOW.

HEE, HEE, HEE, SO I MEET WITH THE WASP ONCE MORE!



YOUNG JIM MARTIN AND THE HOODED WASP ARE ONCE AGAIN ON THE TRAIL OF MYSTERY.

IT'S TWELVE O'CLOCK, JIM - MR. WINSTON TOLD US TO START AFTER HIM AT MIDNIGHT SHARP.

LET'S GO!



REVENGE - HEE-HEE-HEE, NOW I'LL GET REVENGE!



WASP - L-LOOK OVER T-T-THERE!

WHEW! IT CAN'T BE TRUE!



THE WASP AND JIM CANNOT BELIEVE THEIR EYES-ACROSS THE DARK CHAMBER COMES A SHROUDED, MISTY FIGURE.



OKAY, MR. GHOST- HERE I COME.



HMMM- MAYBE THIS'LL FIX HIM.



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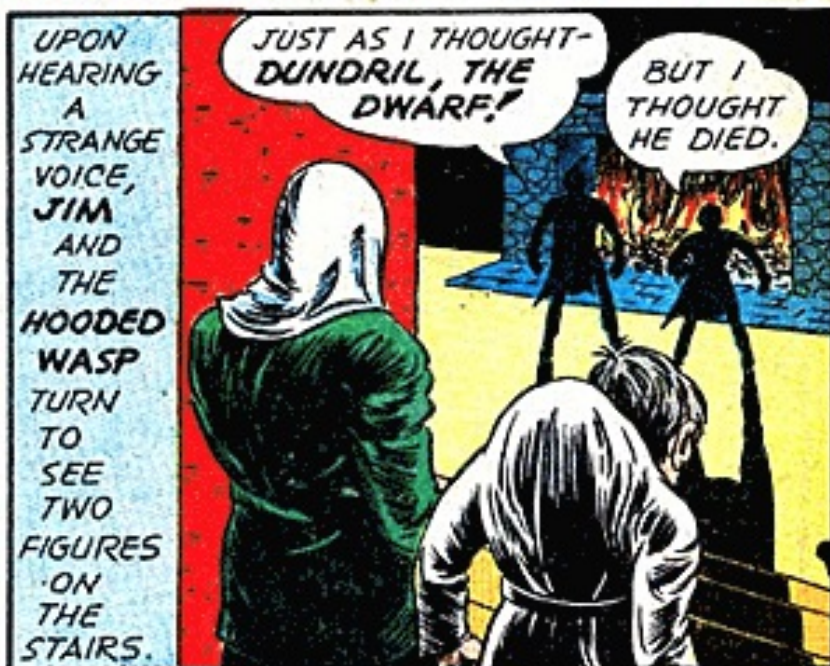
JUST A MINUTE, JIM, THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT THIS.



WELL, I'LL BE- RIGHT THROUGH HIM!







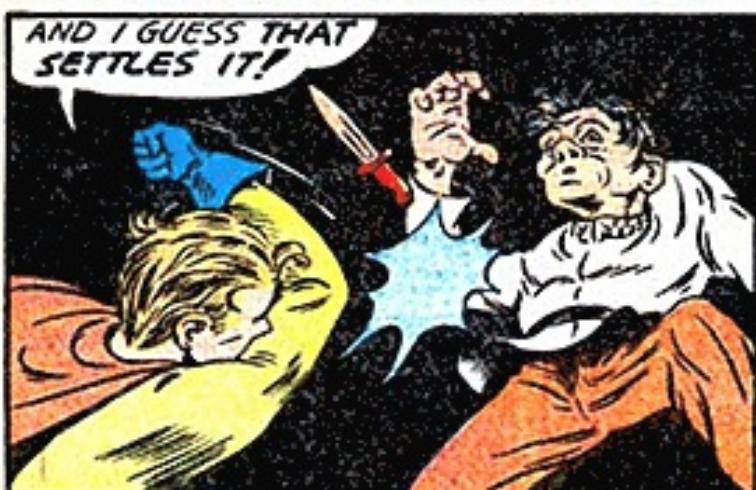




IN TROUBLE, JIM?

NOT YET.

HEE, HEE, HEE - WE'VE GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE!



AND I GUESS THAT SETTLES IT!



MEANWHILE THE MASKED MAN SITS UP AND REACHES FOR A HIDDEN BUTTON

HO - I'VE STILL GOT AN ACE IN THE HOLE.



THE MASK FINALLY WON - HEE, HEE, HEE!



COME, DUNDRIL - WE'VE GOT OTHERS TO GET - I'M SO HAPPY - HEE, HEE, - I JUST LOVE THIS!



WHILE FAR BELOW, JIM MARTIN AND THE HOODED WASP COME TO IN A DARK, MUSTY CELLAR.

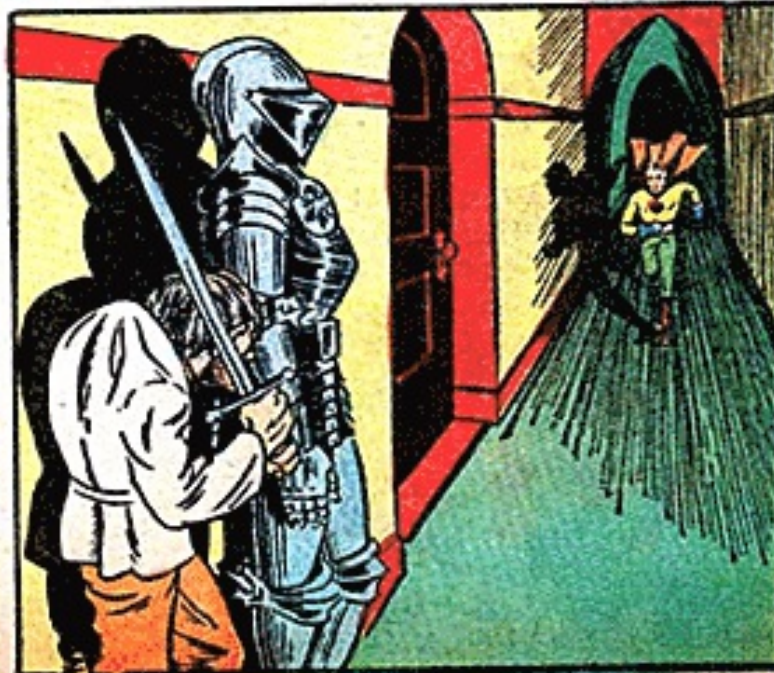
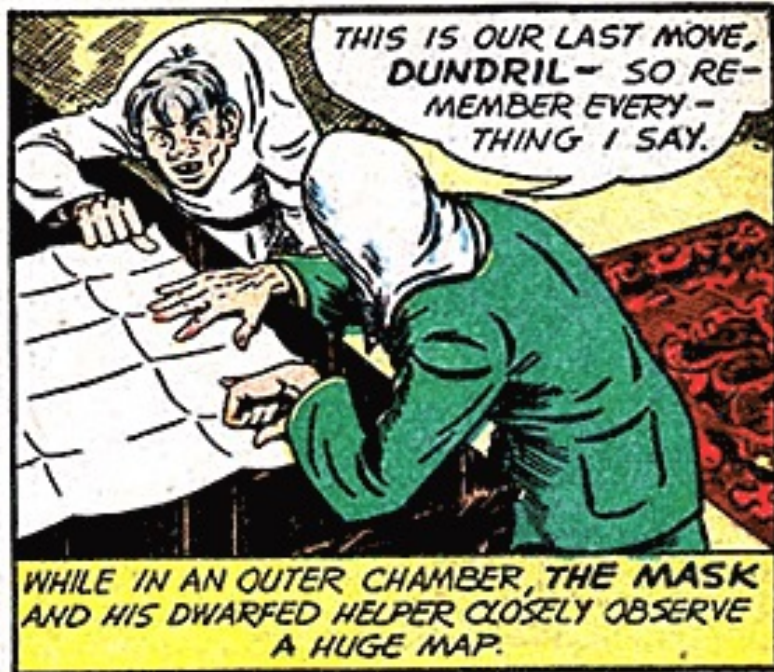
WOW, BUT THAT WAS SOME FALL!



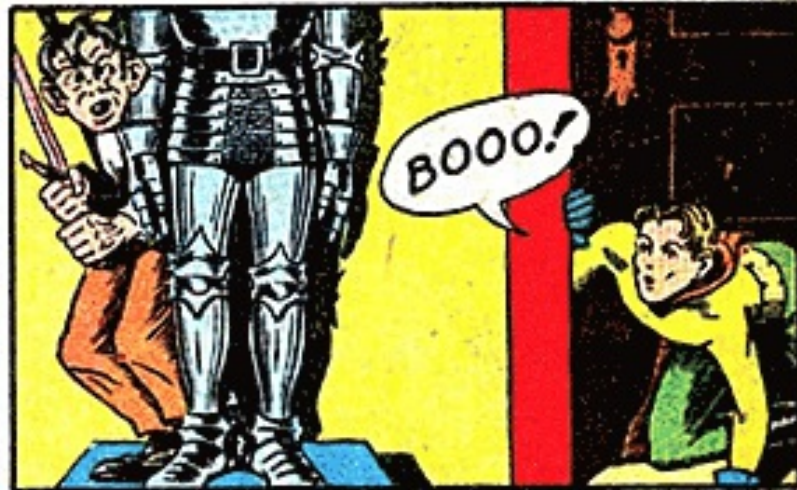
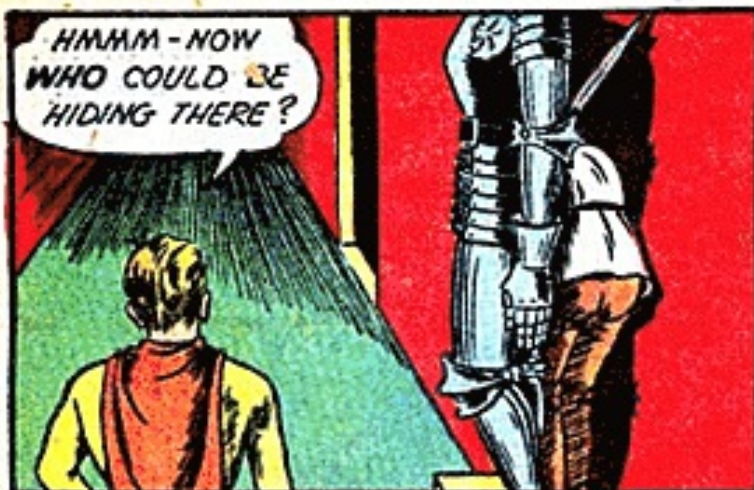
THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OUT OF THIS RAT HOLE.

YEAH, BUT WHERE IS IT?















AS THE MASK TURNS TO FLEE JIM HITS HIM WITH A FLYING TACKLE.



ALL RIGHT, MISTER—NOW WE'LL EVEN THE SCORE.



ULK!

TCH-TCH-TCH. YOU MUST'VE BEEN PEEKING THROUGH A KEYHOLE.



SORTA FEELS THAT WAY



NOW WE'LL SEE WHO'S UNDER THIS MASK.

WOW—ANOTHER GHOST!



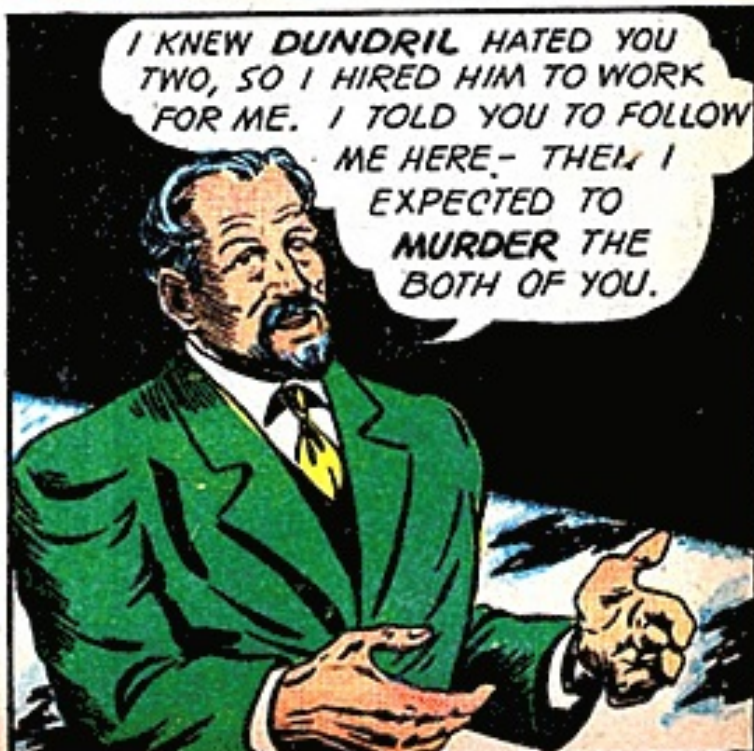
THIS IS A SURPRISE, WINSTON—TELL US ALL ABOUT IT.

MR. WINSTON!



THE MASK PROVES TO BE THE SUPPOSEDLY DEAD WINSTON.

I KNEW DUNDRIEL HATED YOU TWO, SO I HIRED HIM TO WORK FOR ME. I TOLD YOU TO FOLLOW ME HERE— THEN I EXPECTED TO MURDER THE BOTH OF YOU.







BECAUSE YOU WERE THE ONLY PERSONS ON EARTH WHO COULD'VE STOPPED ME FROM GETTING THE GOLD HOARD.

BUT WHY?



SURE, JIM - THEY USED THOSE FAKE GHOSTS TO FRIGHTEN PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES - BECAUSE THE GOLD IS HIDDEN UNDER THE HOUSES!



BUT THE FIRE - WE THOUGHT YOU WERE BURNED TO DEATH.

HO - NOTHING BUT A DUMMY - PART OF MY MISERABLE PLANS.

THE HUNCHED FIGURE OF DUNDRIL CREEPS SLOWLY TOWARD THE THREE.



SUDDENLY WINSTON WHIPS OUT ANOTHER GUN AND FIRES ON THE APPROACHING HUNCH-BACK

NO USE, DUNDRIL - THE GAME'S OVER!



A-AND NOW IT'S MY TURN!



COME ON, JIM - WE'RE THROUGH HERE.

YEAH, GUESS I'LL GO HOME AND READ SOME GHOST STORIES.

JIM AND THE HOODED WASP WILL BE BACK WITH MORE THRILLS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF SHADOW COMICS.

# DEAR SHADOW READERS:

SO MANY THOUSANDS OF NAMES FOR JIM MARTIN HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THAT WE ARE HAVING A VERY DIFFICULT TIME PICKING THE RIGHT ONE. WE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PRINT THE NAME CHOSEN IN THIS ISSUE, BUT WE WILL HAVE TO LET IT GO FOR ONE MORE MONTH. THE PRIZES, HOWEVER, WILL BE AWARDED THIS MONTH.

THE EDITOR



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